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East Germany

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General Military Information

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EVALUATION

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2 to 18 August 1953

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REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 2 August 1953, [] from a credible resident that large buildings were under construction in the Tauer Forest, east of the Frankfurt/Oder-Peitz railroad line. The construction site extended as far as Peitz-east. A spur track connected the construction site with the Tauer freight train stop. A narrow-gauge field railway extended as far as Peitz-east. Construction work was done in three shifts [] 25X1
2. During the night on 9 August, T-43 tanks [] 25X1
[] and motor vehicles [] were detrained at the Wittenberg freight station and subsequently left for the Beseler Kaserne [] 25X1
3. On 10 August, [] a combined-arms unit, including infantry, tanks, engineers and artillery, at an exercise which extended from the Berka-Craula area to the Melborn-Saettelstedt-Weingarten-Haina area. 25X1
The exercise involved 14 to 15 T-34 tanks, [] 25X1
25 to 30 SU-100 guns [] 4 SU-76 guns, 10 to 12
amphibious vehicles, [] 10 to 15 x 82-mm mortars, 25X1
and 55 to 60 x 57-mm AT guns or 76-mm field guns. [] On 14 August, a shipment 25X1
of 24 pontoons, 5 amphibious vehicles [] 25X1
engineer equipment, and large quantities of boards, beams and logs were detrained at the Eisenach freight station. The detrained unit subsequently left toward the Kindel troop training grounds. [] 25X1

1. [] Comment. The following military installations are known in the wooded area north of Peitz: the new barracks installations in the Schoenhoehe-Teerofen area, which belong to the new Forst Tauer training area; and the barracks installations north-northeast of Drachhausen. [] 25X1
[] refers to the installations in the training area; however, an extension as far as Peitz-east does not appear credible. [] 25X1
2. [] Comment. On 8 and 9 August, the trains [] 25X1

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[redacted] went from Jueterbog to Wittenberg. It was previously determined that these trains carried tanks of the 6th Gds Tank Div. [redacted] The detraining observed involved 24 tanks of the 51st Gds Tank Regt.

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[redacted] Comment. [redacted] a combined arms combat unit of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, on 13 August, held an exercise which, according to the places mentioned, extended from the north to the south of the Kindel troop training grounds.

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[redacted] Comment. [redacted] observed the unloading of an engineer unit of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, which arrived from Aken [redacted]

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